

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
December 15, 2017

The Board of Ethics met on December 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with Board Members Bruneau, Dittmer, Lavastida, Leggio, McAnelly, Meinert, Michiels, Mouton-Allen and Smith present. Absent was Board Member Brandon. Also present was the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, David Bordelon, Jennifer Land, Brett Robinson, and Greg Thibodeaux.

Chairman McAnelly announced that Board Member Meinert will replace Board Member Michiels as a member of the Ethics Review Committee.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 17-009 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee assessed against Chandra Scarber, a member of the Crawfish Promotion and Research Board, for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board temporarily deferred the matter.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-735 submitted by Ralph Alexis, III, on behalf of Third District Volunteer Fire Department in Jefferson Parish regarding whether the reporting requirements of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act require persons to file reports in connection with expenditures made for a mailer opposing a proposition in the April 29, 2017 election. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1486 of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act would require Jody Sanderson, a member of the Third District Volunteer Fire Department, or any person who made an expenditure of one thousand dollars

or more in opposition to the proposition submitted to the voters of Jefferson Parish on April 29, 2017 to file reports of contributions and expenditures. The reports required of Jody Sanderson would disclose all contributions and expenditures associated with the opposition to a proposition and should be filed by the schedule set out in Section 1486C(1) of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-905 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Marlin N. Gusman, a candidate for Orleans Parish Sheriff in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing his 180-P campaign finance disclosure report 102 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 17-960 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Melinda Leblanc Bourgeois, a member of the Jefferson Parish School Board, District 4, for failing to file her amended 2015 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the January meeting.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1151 regarding whether Hospital Service District No. 1 of Iberia Parish d/b/a Iberia Medical Center (IMC) may enter into contracts with Acadian Urgent Care Center, LLC while Brock Romero, a nurse practitioner and an appointed member of the Board of Commissioners of the IMC, owns fifty percent of Acadian Urgent Care Center, LLC. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that Section 1113B of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Acadian Urgent Care Center, LLC from entering into a contract, subcontract, or other transaction with the IMC, since Mr. Romero, an appointed member of the Board of Commissioners of IMC, owns 50% of Acadian

Urgent Care Center, LLC.

Mr. Sterling Henry appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, on behalf of Troy Henry, a candidate for Mayor of the City of New Orleans in the October 14, 2017 election, in connection with a request in Docket No. 17-1156 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against him for filing his 90-P campaign finance disclosure report 38 days late. After hearing from Mr. Henry, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Mr. Rhett Breerwood, Command Historian with the Louisiana National Guard Museum at Jackson Barracks, appeared before the Board in connection with a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1149 regarding his interest in authoring and selling a book/books detailing the history of the Louisiana National Guard. After hearing from Mr. Breerwood, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics would be presented by Mr. Breerwood authoring and selling a book/books detailing the history of the Louisiana National Guard, since Mr. Breerwood has not participated in the writing and selling of a book in his public capacity as Command Historian and this is not part of his official duties and responsibilities. The Board further cautioned that Mr. Breerwood should avoid selling the book(s) to a prohibited source pursuant to Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics and not to enter into any agreement with the Museum to sell the book(s) pursuant to Section 1113(A)(1)(a) of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board further advised that in the event Mr. Breerwood is able to publish and sell his book(s), he can seek an additional advisory opinion at that time to avoid any possible conflict of interest as to a specific transaction.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 17-009 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee assessed against Chandra Scarber, a member of the Crawfish Promotion and Research Board, for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the January meeting.

Judge Paulette Irons appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance, in connection with a request in Docket No. 17-1234 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against her, as a candidate for Mayor of the City of New Orleans in the February 2, 2002 election, for filing her 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 217 days late and a request for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against her, as a candidate for Judge, Civil District Court, Division M in the November 4, 2014 election, for filing her 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report 216 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board (1) waived the \$2,500 late fee in connection with the 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report with respect to the February 2, 2002 election for Mayor of the City of New Orleans; and, (2) declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee in connection with the 2016 Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report with respect to the November 4, 2014 election for Judge, Civil District Court, Division M but suspended \$1,500 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G8-G20 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff

recommendations on items G8-G20, excluding Items G8, G13, G19 and G20, taking the following action:

Due to lack of standing, declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1068 regarding Dr. Regina Enwefa or Dr. Stephen Enwefa, employees of Southern University and a married couple, serving as the Chairperson of the Department of Speech Language Pathology (Department) while the other remains employed by the Department.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1134 concluding that Section 1119A of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits the employment of Allen Johnson as a meter reader by the Plaquemines Parish Public Works Department while his brother-in-law, Michael Jiles, serves as the Plaquemines Parish Public Works Director, since Mr. Jiles' sister's spouse is considered an immediate family member and since Mr. Jiles is the agency head over the position of meter reader.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1135 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by teachers at Benjamin Franklin High School in New Orleans tutoring students of Benjamin Franklin High School for compensation provided the students are not being taught by the teacher who is providing the tutoring.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1168 concluding that (1) the issue regarding Dr. Trey Morice, III serving as the appointed Deputy Coroner of St. Mary Parish while also serving as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 2 in St. Mary Parish involves the dual office holding law which is not within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics but instead should be addressed by the Attorney General's Office; and, (2) no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Dr. Morice, entering into an agreement with St. Mary Parish Government to be a preferred medical care provider for employees of St. Mary Parish Government

while he serves as Deputy Coroner for St. Mary Parish, since the Coroner's Office is a separate agency from the Parish Government.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1173 concluding that (1) Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit companies owned by Al Herrera, a New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (Transit Authority) Commissioner, from receiving gifts or compensation from Laurel Outdoor Advertising while Laurel Outdoor Advertising has a contract with the Transit Authority and Mr. Herrera serves as a member of the Transit Authority; and, (2) Section 1117 of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Laurel Outdoor Advertising from compensating Al Herrera, or any company in which he exercises control or owns an interest in excess of twenty-five percent, for services he performs for it.

Approved the disqualification plan submitted in Docket No. 17-1174 in connection with the employment of George Alamond at North Caddo Medical Center while his wife, Connie Alamond, serves as Director of Emergency Services of North Caddo Medical Center, since the submitted disqualification plan will eliminate any potential violations of Section 1112 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Approved the disqualification plan submitted in Docket No. 17-1175 in connection with the employment of Brandie Fabre as a records/scanning clerk at the St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court's Office while her father, Brian Fabre, serves as the Chief Deputy Clerk of Court, since Mr. Fabre will have no direct supervision over Brandie Fabre nor will he have any involvement, authority or decision making with respect to Ms. Fabre's potential promotions, salary increase or any potential disciplinary action as those actions will be handled by Lance Marino, St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1182 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by John Polito, Jr., Chief of the Independence Volunteer Fire Department, serving on the Tangipahoa Parish School Board, if elected, continuing his employment as the Chief of the Independence Volunteer Fire Department, since the Tangipahoa Parish School Board is a separate agency from the Independence Volunteer Fire Department and the Tangipahoa Parish School Board does not have any authority over the Independence Volunteer Fire Department nor does it provide funding for the Department. The Board further instructed the staff to advise Mr. Polito to seek guidance on the dual office holding laws from his local District Attorney or the Attorney General's Office.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1230 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Gail Segura being re-employed by the Iberia Parish School Board as a bus driver while her daughter-in-law, Rachel Segura, serves as a member of the Iberia Parish School Board, since (1) Rachel Segura was serving as an agency head of the Iberia Parish School Board at the time of Gail Segura's retirement; and, (2) prior to Gail Segura's retirement, she met the provisions in Section 1119C(2) of the Code of Governmental Ethics allowing her continued employment since she had been employed in the agency for a period of at least one year prior to Rachel Segura being an agency head for Iberia Parish School Board. The Board further advised that if Gail Segura is re-employed by Iberia Parish School Board while her daughter-in-law serves on the board, then Rachel Segura would be prohibited by Section 1112B(1) of the Code of Governmental Ethics from participating in any transaction in which Gail Segura had a substantial economic interest. Further, a disqualification plan in accordance with Chapter 14 of the Rules for the Board of Ethics would need to be filed to prevent any violation or prohibited participation as per Section 1112 of the

Code of Governmental Ethics.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-832 concluding that Section 1119A of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the daughter of a Livingston Parish School Board member from being employed as a bus driver for the Livingston Parish School Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1169 concluding that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit a company owned by Jimmy Cantrelle, Lafourche Parish President, from renting an apartment to an employee of the Lafourche Parish Government, since Mr. Cantrelle owns twenty-five percent of Country Square, LLC and his wife owns twenty-five percent.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1233 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the employment of Cody Martin as Director of Public Works for Natchitoches Parish while his step-father, Rodney Bedgood, serves as a member of the Natchitoches Parish Council, since Cody Martin is a step-son of Rodney Bedgood and does not fall within the definition of immediate family member.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 17-1236 regarding the receipt of donations which would be utilized as door prizes during the Annual Training Conference hosted by the Louisiana Support Enforcement Association (LSEA) concluding the following:

(1) Is it permissible for a public servant who is a LSEA board member to solicit donations for door prizes from a person, if the person has no financial relationship with LSEA or the public servant's agency? If so, what type of donations?

The Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit a public servant who is a LSEA board member from soliciting any type of donation for door prizes from a person (1)

who does not have and is not seeking to have a contractual or other business or financial relationship with the public servant's agency; (2) who does not conduct operations or activities which are regulated by the public employee's agency; and (3) who does not have a substantial economic interest which may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of the public employee's office duty.

(2) Is it permissible for a former public servant to solicit donations for door prizes on LSEA's behalf? If so, are there any limitations on the type of prizes that can be solicited?

There is no provision within the Code of Governmental Ethics which would prohibit a former public servant from soliciting any type of donations for door prizes on LSEA's behalf.

(3) Is it permissible for an attendee who is a public servant to accept a door prize? If so, what type of door prize(s) may the public servant accept?

The Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit a public servant from accepting any type of door prize awarded via a random drawing, provided that the entity donating the prize is not a prohibited source.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on items G21-G24 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted staff recommendations on items G21-G24 taking the following action:

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-1137 by Dr. George Dual, Jr., a

former member of the Mental Health Advocacy Services Board, in response to the receipt of a Notice of Delinquency requesting that he file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Dr. Dual he is required to file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, since Dr. Dual's service ended in February, 2016 and he was required to file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement on or before May 15, 2017 and that failure to file will result in the assessment of late fees.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-1159 by Roch Petersen, a member of the St. Tammany Fire Protection District #3, in response to a Notice of Delinquency seeking his 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Peterson that he is required to file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, since Mr. Petersen's term ended on February 28, 2016 and he was required to file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement on or before May 15, 2017 and that failure to file may result in the assessment of late fees.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-1160 by James Hendrickson, a member of the Audubon Regional Library Board, in response to a Notice of Delinquency requesting he file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Hendrickson that he is required to file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, since Mr. Hendrickson served until April 2017 and he was required to file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement on or before May 15, 2017 and that failure to file may result in the assessment of late fees.

In connection with an Answer submitted in Docket No. 17-1164 by Glen Higgins, a member of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority, in response to a Notice of Delinquency

requesting he file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, instructed the staff to advise Mr. Higgins that he is required to file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement, since Mr. Higgins was serving in August 2016, he was required to file a 2016 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement on or before May 15, 2017 and that failure to file may result in the assessment of late fees.

The Board considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the November 16-17, 2017 meetings.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against candidates and committees included in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Campaign Finance Waiver Chart, excluding Docket Nos. 17-1170 and 17-1234, taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1074 for a waiver of the \$800 late fee assessed against Jason Rogers Williams, a candidate for Orleans Parish Council Member-at-Large, Division 2 in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing his 90-P campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$800 late fee pursuant to Rule 1205B, since medical documentation was submitted confirming that Ms. Burdett underwent surgery on July 19, 2017.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1171 for a waiver of the \$800 late fee assessed against Danil Faust, a candidate for Clerk, Orleans Parish Criminal District Court in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$800 late fee, since Mr. Faust was disqualified from the election on July 25, 2017 and he had \$0 activity on the 30-P campaign finance disclosure report.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1181 for a waiver of the \$600 late fee assessed against Thomas Thaddeus "Thad" Cossabone, a candidate for Orleans Parish Council member, District D in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing his 30-P campaign finance disclosure report 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, since it was Mr. Cossabone's first election, he has no other late filings and Mr. Cossabone's Affidavit in Lieu of Report was received by mail on September 12, 2017 before the due date.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1235 for a waiver of the \$320 late fee assessed against Fred Moss, IV, a candidate for Caddo Parish Commission Member, District 12 in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing his 10-P campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$320 late fee, since it was Mr. Moss's second election and he has two other late filings.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board

considered a request in Docket No. 17-1170 for a waiver of the \$3,000 late fee assessed against the Freedom First, LLC, a political action committee, its committee's chairperson and its treasurer, Timothy L. Spratt, for filing the 2015 June monthly report 31 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board continued the matter to the January meeting.

The Board unanimously agreed to take action on the requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against individuals contained in the Personal Financial Disclosure Waiver Chart en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on the items in the Personal Financial Disclosure waiver chart, excluding Docket Nos. 17-1163 and 17-1176, taking the following action:

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1136 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee assessed against Gregory Burton, a member of the Kentwood Town Council in Tangipahoa Parish, for filing his amended 2014 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$500 late fee, since Mr. Burton has two outstanding late fees involving personal financial disclosure filings.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1148 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against John Frederick Canik, a member of the Cameron Parish School Board, District 5, for filing his 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 157 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$900 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1157 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Daphne R. Washington, a member of the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, for filing her amended 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 136 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1161 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Maurice Guidry, a member of the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission, for filing his amended 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 71 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1162 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Mohammad Suleman, M.D., a member of the State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 272 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$450 conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics and provided payment is made within 30 days. If the payment is not received in 30 days, the full amount becomes due and owing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1167 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Robert A. Williams, Union Parish Constable, Ward 3, for filing his amended 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 104 days late. On motion made, seconded and

unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,500 late fee, since it was Mr. Williams' first late filing and it involves an amendment because he filed a Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement rather than the Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement required for his office. Also, on Mr. Williams' initial Tier 2 filing, he disclosed all information required on the Tier 3 personal financial disclosure form.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1177 for a waiver of the \$700 late fee assessed against George Favaloro, a member of the Lafayette Downtown Development Authority, for filing his 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$700 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1178 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee assessed against Michael Cuba Jr., an unsuccessful candidate for Lake Charles City Council, District F, in Calcasieu Parish, for filing his amended 2016 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1179 for a waiver of the \$1,400 late fee assessed Christopher "Chris" Jowers, Calcasieu Parish Constable, Ward 7, for filing his 2016 Tier 2 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,400 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of

Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1180 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee assessed against Daniel R. "Danny" Martiny, a candidate for Jefferson Parish Council, District 4, in the October 14, 2017 election, for filing his 2016 Tier 2 Candidate personal financial disclosure statement 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1163 for a waiver of the \$950 late fee assessed against Ian Scott Stewart, a member of the Belle Chase Academy Charter School Board of Directors, for filing his 2015 Tier 3 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 19 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$950 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1176 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Yvette Young Semmes, a member of the Upper Audubon Security District, for filing her 2015 Tier 2.1 Annual personal financial disclosure statement 180 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the reporting requirements under the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1165 for a waiver of the \$400 late fee assessed against Louis Melton, a member of the Morehouse Parish School Board, District 2, for filing his School Board Disclosure Statements 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$400 late fee, since it was Mr. Melton's first late filing.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 17-1166 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee

assessed against Sally Moreaux, a member of the Allen Parish School Board, District 1, for filing her 2017-2018 School Board Disclosure Statement 10 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$500 late fee, since it was Ms. Moreaux's first late filing.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed the staff to issue a letter of caution and to dismiss the charges in Docket No. 14-1355 against Eric Jones for entering into a transaction with the Impact Charter School while he was employed with the Impact Charter School.

Ms. Allen provided a status update to the Board with respect to Mr. Ron Caesar. She also announced that the staff would provided ethics training immediately following the meeting for those members who were interested.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman

